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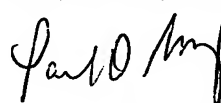
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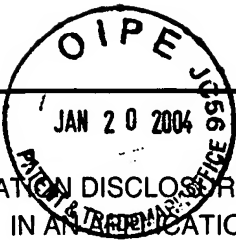
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	5,570,139	10/29/96	Wang	348	744	
	6,297,907	10/2/01	Wang	359	585	
	2002/0140937	10/3/02	Lieberman	356	445	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	2 192 070	31.12.87	UK			X	
	0 415 735	6.03.91	Europe			X	

OTHER DOCUMENTS (including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	Verdrager, V., European Search Report Application No. EP 02 25 7122 dated 27 February 2003.

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